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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with USIA re Foreign Relations
Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526)

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1. Representatives of CIA and USIA met to discuss the restrictions on the preparation and dissemination of information abroad favorably reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972. In attendance were Messrs. [] and [] of CIA, and Messrs. Eugene Kopp, Deputy General Counsel, and Linn Noah of USIA.

2. Mr. Kopp was given our suggested revision of the provision which solves the Agency's problem and will incorporate such other changes as may be needed by USIA.

3. We explained that the provision could not be fought on the Senate floor in the name of CIA, but that there may be a number of noncontroversial programs, such as the U. S. Government Travel Service, Treasury or Department of Commerce programs, which would be impaired and cited as justification for our revision. Mr. Kopp said USIA would canvass the Executive Branch to identify such programs.

4. Mr. Kopp agreed with our estimate that our chances are with Chairman Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Specifically, the House bill should include the narrowly drawn provision worked out by CIA/USIA which hopefully would be sustained by the conference committee on the basis that it corrects the USIA "abuses" which the Senate measure was principally aimed at, but in the process does not inadvertently kill a number of other worthwhile U. S. programs.

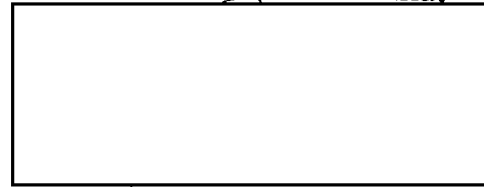
5. In response to his question, Mr. Kopp was informed that Senator Stennis could conceivably object to the provision on the basis that it invaded the jurisdiction of the Senate Armed Services Committee since

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its sweeping language dealt with matters which are within the legislative oversight of that Committee. It was also pointed out that it would be difficult for Senator Stennis to argue against the proposal without using specific examples, which is at the heart of our current dilemma.



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Amendment to Section 205 of the
"Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972"

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RESTRICTIONS ON PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION ABROAD

SEC. 205. Title V of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1461) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"RESTRICTIONS

"SEC. 503, (a) ~~In carrying out~~ [No funds authorized under] the provisions of this Act ~~or any other law, no Government agency shall,~~ [be used] directly or indirectly, [to] prepare or assist in preparing for dissemination, or disseminate, information of any kind for, on behalf of, or in the name of any foreign government.

"(b) No Government agency shall prepare, or assist in preparing information, for dissemination abroad, [under the authority of this Act] unless the information prepared by that agency, or with the assistance of that agency, clearly indicates at the beginning of such information the name of the Government agency so preparing or assisting.

"(c) For purposes of this section, the dissemination of information includes publication, broadcasting, and telecasting of information."